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## ELECTION ANALYSIS

Editor's note: 100% of the precincts are in from across Calif., but there are still some **absentee ballots** which have not been counted --- but sources think the results will hold up in most cases. Here's our analysis of the June 7th primary, with a general overview first...

### General Overview

- **Voter Turnout** - By now CALPEEK readers have heard the *depressing news*. Turnout was a record low 32.9% --- but that may go a little higher as late absentee ballots are finally counted. Why so low? Sources fix the blame on two factors: 1) lack of competitive races at the Statewide level, with little or no excitement in those primaries where there was some competition; and 2) failure of TV news to provide adequate coverage of the primary campaigns...

- **Campaign Warchest Blues** - With some exceptions, candidates who won were more than adequately funded. Those not well funded, lost. Bottomline: statewide candidates for 1998 had better have \$500-Gs in their warchest the day they announce or forget it...

- **Slate Card Madness** - The scramble to get on those slates (sometimes at outrageous prices) turned out to be a waste. There were too many slates and they tended to cancel each other out -- at least on the Demo side...

- **Hardliner Heaven** - Hardline conservatives did very well (with a few exceptions) in both CA Legislative and U.S. House races --- at the expense of traditional and Wilson-styled Republicans...

### Statewide Constitutional Offices

- **Governor** - Go back and read last week's issue of CALPEEK. Our sources were fairly close on both the

GOP and Demo races. Conservative Ron Unz went over 30% and hit 34.2%. In places such as the Central Valley & Orange Co. he did even better; and get this, a preliminary canvas shows Unz may have carried Butte, Modoc & Glenn Counties. Bottomline: Gov. Pete Wilson, who got 61.4%, has much work to do with his Republican base if he is to win in November...

...No surprises on the Demo side, as Treasurer Kathleen Brown got 48.2%, while IC John Garamendi received 33% and State Sen. Tom Hayden picked up 13.8%. Brown has to win over those who voted for Garamendi and Hayden, but she's in better shape than Wilson with her core base...

- **Lt. Governor** - Controller Gray Davis(D) will face State Sen. Cathie Wright(R) in November. There was little doubt about this eventual match-up, as GOP State Assemblyman Stan Statham never raised the money to give Wright a legit run in the primary. Wright finished with 62.5%. FYI: the general will heat up because Wright **will** bring up those audits of San Diego schools where it is believed there are many illegal immigrant children attending class...

- **Secretary of State** - *Deja vu 1974* --- it was March Fong Eu(D-Oakland) vs. Wally Karabian, Cathy O'Neill and Herman Sillas - 3 So. Calif. Demos, who split the vote in the south, while Eu clobbered them in No. Calif. This time it was Acting SOS Tony Miller of Sacto, with most of the newspaper endorsements and that great ballot title, versus Mike Woo and Assemblywoman Gwen Moore. Moore carried L.A. County, which really hurt Woo, while Miller did very well in the North. Final results: Miller 38%, Woo 32% and Moore 30%. FYI: sources think Moore still has some political life left, but think Woo is dead politically. But these same sources also hope Woo wins his lawsuit against Clint Reilly for

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bouncing Woo off his slate. Did that make a difference? Possible, but not too likely...

- **Controller** - Demos first. No surprise here as L.A. businesswoman Kathleen Connell cleaned house on Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata and Assemblyman Rusty Areias. Connell sunk \$800,000 into 7 days of TV and had little if any presence on slates. And being the only woman against two male candidates helped. FYI: leave it to a female consultant who noted that in Connell's TV ad, she appeared in 4 different colored outfits. Connell got 49%; Perata 27% and Areias 24%...

...Tom McClintock(R) ran his GOP primary campaign on a shoestring budget. McClintock's rival, businessman John Morris, seemed to have everything in his favor: *deep pockets*; a solid TV buy; presence on two good slates; and the endorsement of most of the State's leading newspapers. Result: McClintock 61%, Morris 39%. Why the upset? A very heavy conservative vote and hardliners knew that McClintock was their guy...

- **Treasurer** - In retrospect, State Sen. David Roberti (D-L.A.) probably wishes he had taken that big job with Gallo that was offered prior to filing. Roberti lost the primary by a 45% to 55% margin to former CDP Chair Phil Angelides. The GUN LOBBY was quick to take credit for Roberti's loss, and indeed they do get credit. While the earlier recall gave Roberti about \$1-2 million in free and good publicity, the cost of the recall campaign drained Roberti's warchest and he was never able to respond to the pounding Angelides dished out in his "Corruption TV spot." It was negative TV at its very best and even Roberti supporters described it as very effective and damaging...

- **Insurance Commissioner** - On the Demo side, the big shock was the 20% showing of Demo activist John Kraft. The winner was State Sen. Art Torres, who got 46%, while Assemblyman Burt Margolin got 34%. FYI: there are a number of Demo sources who aren't pleased with Margolin's DUI radio hit on Torres, but Torres handled the attack well...

...On the GOP side, *slates & TV* may have made a difference in this primary that was won by Assemblyman Chuck Quackenbush with 38%, who had both. Wes Bannister was second with 21% and Jim Conran was third with 19%...

- **Supt. of Public Instruction** - This was the primary that Demos were worried about. But Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin made the runoff and will face CA Educ. Sec. Maureen DiMarco. Eastin got 22% to DiMarco's 14%. Wilbert Smith was a close third with 12%...

### ***June Ballot Measures***

...All three bond measures lost: Props. 1A (\$2 billion Earthquake Recovery Act); 1B (\$1 billion for K-12 schools); and 1C (\$900 million for higher education). Additionally, Prop. 180, the \$2 billion Parks & Wildlife Bond measure also was defeated...

...So now Gov. Wilson is faced with some hard choices. Where is he going to get the money for Calif.'s share of earthquake recovery? Wilson refused to go along with the *pay-as-go tax approach* (temporary sales or gas tax hikes) proposed by Demos in the Legislature. Without Wilson to sign such a measure, Demos were forced to go along with the bond scheme. But the voters aren't stupid --- they know Calif.'s indebtedness is already \$18 billion and growing and that's why they rejected 1A and the other measures. **Questions:** where was Wilson on 1A? Why was there no leadership on his part to help the YES on 1A Cmt. get the needed funds for the campaign? And what impact will the failure of 1A have on the current budget, which is already way in the *RED*???

### ***U.S. Senate & House Primaries***

- **U.S. Senate** - One slight surprise for GOP U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington. GOP rival Bill Dannemeyer carried Huffington's hometown county of Santa Barbara by a slim margin of 46.2% to 44.1%. In raw numbers, Big D got 15,323 to Mike's 14,615. Demo U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein got 21,816 votes. State-wide, Huffington got 55.4% (he probably paid \$7 million for that), while Big D got 29.1%. Kate Squires got 10.5% --- so CALPEEK sources were right when they said that between them they wouldn't get 40%. FYI: comments on DiFi's new TV ad run from *confusing* to *horrible*, mostly the later. And how DiFi cmp mgr. Kam Kuwata could let this ad on the air is a mystery. It's a total waste of money. DiFi herself doesn't like the ad and told that to a CALPEEK source. Is a shake-up coming in her campaign a la Kathleen Brown???

- **16th C.D.** - *Upset time*. Underdog Santa Clara Co. Sup. Zoe Lofgren beat former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnergy by a 45% to 43% margin to win. McEnergy ran out of McEnergy...

● **22nd C.D.** - A big win for the religious right in the GOP primary as Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand(R) clobbered Santa Barbara Co. Sup. Mike Stoker by a 59% to 36% margin. In another *mild upset*, Demo favorite Marty Stone, former DCCC staffer, lost to U.C. Santa Barbara Prof. Walter Capps...

● **41st C.D.** - As predicted by CALPEEK sources, there were just too many opponents splitting the votes and U.S. Rep. Jay Kim got 41% to win the GOP primary. Valerie Romero was 2nd with 21%...

● **43rd C.D.** - It will be a rematch in this Riverside Co. C.D. as freshman U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert(R) survived a brutal primary with hardliner Joe Khoury. Calvert got 51.2% to Khoury's 48.7%. Calvert will meet Demo Mark Takano in November...

● **49th C.D.** - In the battle to see who runs against Demo U.S. Rep. Lynn Schenk in November, the winner was San Diego Co. Sup. Brian Bilbray who defeated Dr. John Steel by a 51% to 37% margin...

● **Other House Winners** - Hamburg(D-1st CD); Bono(R) & Clute(D) in the 44th C.D.; Sybert(R) in the 24th C.D.; and Brooks(R) in the 36th D.C...

### *California Legislative Primaries*

● **28th S.D.** - The senator "too old to quit," State Sen. Ralph Dills(D-Gardena), got 46.5% of the vote to win the Demo primary over key rival, Torrance Councilman George Nakano, who got 34%...

● **36th S.D.** - In perhaps the most closely watched State senate GOP primary, hardline conservative Assemblyman Ray Haynes survived some hard hitting attacks from Riverside Co. Sheriff Cois Byrd to win the GOP primary by a 60% to 40% margin. A big win for State Sen. Rob Hurtt and his allies who pumped big bucks into the Haynes campaign. Haynes will now face Riverside Co. Sup. Kay Cenicerros, who got 76% of the Demo primary vote...

● **6th A.D.** - The only incumbent member of the Assembly to lose a primary was Vivien Bronshvag(D), who was defeated by school board member Kerry Mazzoni. Why did Bronshvag lose? One source said she was "too imperious."...

● **20th A.D.** - A big win for Senate Pres. Bill Lockyer as his candidate, Liz Figueroa, got 53% to beat Bob Livengood, who got 37.4%, in the battle to succeed Delaine Eastin...

● **33rd A.D.** - In the battle for Andrea Seastrand's seat, hardline conservative candidate Tom Bordonaro pulled off an upset by whipping moderate GOPer Joni Gray. Bordonaro got 43% to Gray's 30%. FYI: sources say that Sen. Hurtt promised to not get involved, but did, although late in the campaign...

● **41st A.D.** - What surprised Demos in this West L.A. district is that Sheila Kuehl absolutely trounced her 5 male rivals, getting 41%. Attorney Ed Tabash, who was on two big slates, finished 2nd with 16% and Bill Rothbard was third with 15%...

● **42nd A.D.** - Community College trustee Wally Knox buried his opposition with at least 21 pieces of mail, including (get this) a D-Day mailer w/photo of the 1944 Omaha Beach battle on the front and a message on the back. Knox got 22%, while Paul Koretz was 2nd with 16.1% and Abbe Land was 3rd with 15.7%. Laura Lake finished 4th, and probably hurt Land more than any other candidate in the field...

● **45th A.D.** - In the battle for Richard Polanco's seat, the winner was Antonio Villaraigosa, who got 50%, while Polanco's top aide, Bill Mabie, got 33%. A big win L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina, who backed Villaraigosa...

● **47th A.D.** - Will this be the first father-son combo in the Assembly? Kevin Murray will join father Willard if he wins in November --- likely since this A.D. is very heavy Demo turf. Murray got 21% in a crowded field of 8 other Demos. FYI: Kevin had the endorsement of Speaker Willie Brown...

● **49th A.D.** - Lots of talk about this primary battle featuring Assemblywoman Diane Martinez(D) vs. Judy Chu. Martinez (aka "Miss Congeniality") got 53% to Chu's 33%...

● **54th A.D.** - One of the mild upsets occurred when hardline conservative favorite Jeff Earle was narrowly defeated by Steve Kuykendall. Earle was in the mail at least 6 times, compared to 1 time for Kuykendall. But

Kuykendall walked and won with 51% to 49%. He will now face Demo Assemblywoman Betty Karnett in the fall...

- **65th A.D.** - Another win by a GOP hardliner, as Brett Grunland got 31% to beat Mark Bringhurst, who got 28.2%. Bringhurst was backed by Assemblymembers Paul Woodruff and Ted Weggeland...

- **70th A.D.** - In what will be remembered as one of the nastiest GOP primaries in Orange Co. history, Marilyn Brewer defeated Tom Reinecke, who finished 2nd, and Irvine Councilman Barry Hammond. Brewer got 13,856 to Reinecke's 13,606, with Hammond at 12,859. There are still some absentee ballots, but most expect the results to stand. As sources had predicted, Hammond & Reinecke split the hardline vote and Brewer, who is pro-choice, slipped in...

- **San Diego Hardliners Sweep** - Hardline conservatives had a field day with Howard Kaloogian winning in the 74th A.D.; Bob Trettin winning in the 76th A.D.; and Steve Baldwin winning his primary in the 77th A.D. Baldwin got 70% against moderate Rick Alexander. FYI: Steve, the Demos say "the Witches are coming."...

### ***Local Elections***

- **San Diego Co. DA's Race** - Scratch the "Dean of the DAs." 20-year incumbent DA Ed Miller finished 4th out of 5. Making the runoff are former Deputy DA Paul Pfingst and Muni Court Judge Larry Stirling, a former State senator. Pfingst got 31.4%; Stirling got 22.8%; Dep. City Atty. Casey Gwinn got 21% and Miller finished with 13%. Miller went after Gwinn, painting him as a pro-life, hardline conservative who would use the office to further that agenda. It didn't help Miller, but it hurt Gwinn...

- **Sacto Co. DA's Race** - Incumbent Steve White will be in a November runoff with Deputy DA Jan Scully. White got 34.5% to Scully's 33.2%. Former DA John Dougherty got 21.3%...

- **San Diego Co. Sheriff's Race** - Good-bye Jim Roache. Former San Diego City PD Chief Bill Koleneder made it look easy, as he trounced the 1st term incumbent sheriff by a 62% to 24% margin...

- **Long Beach Mayor's Race** - The new mayor of Calif.'s 5th largest city is Beverly O'Neill, who defeated Councilman Ray Grabinski by a 53% to 47% margin...

- **Oakland Mayor's Race** - 1st term incumbent Elihu Harris was forced into a November runoff, but not with Alameda Co. Sup. Mary King, who finished third. Harris will face Oakland businessman Ted Dang, who got 28.9% to finish 7 pts. ahead of King and about 9 pts. behind Harris, who got 37.4%...

- **San Jose Mayor's Race** - Incumbent Susan Hammer won reelection with 58% of the vote. FYI: voters in San Jose also elected George Shirakawa --- even though he died several weeks ago. The council will now get to pick a replacement or call a special...

- **S.F.'s Measures "H" & "I"** - As predicted by several sources, Measure I, to extend the BART system directly into SFX, won with a 63% YES vote. Measure "H," which was a different concept, actually lost --- 59% said NO to H. A big win for State Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-SF), who was the chief sponsor of Measure I....

- **Orange Co. Supes** - There will be a runoff for O.C.'s 2nd supervisorial seat between two Huntington Beach councilmembers: Jim Silva, who finished first with 29.3%; and Linda Moulton-Patterson, who got 28.5%. Businesswoman Haydee Tillotson, who reportedly spent \$340,000 of her own, finished in 3rd with 26.6%. More analysis & results next week...

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